

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, and 10 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 6, and 10.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,222,634 ("Dubbels") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,011,905 ("Huttenlocher"). Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in this reply to clarify the present invention recited. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

In one or more embodiments of the present invention, a printer includes a first request means, which makes a first request for directly obtaining a resource from a server. A structural means of the printer determines a structure of the resource based on the first response directly from the server and a setting means of the printer sets the pages to be printed based on the structure of the resource. The printer initiates a second request using a second request means for directly obtaining structural data within the set pages to be printed. The printer further includes a generating means, which generates print data based on a second response. Finally, a printing means of the printer prints based on the

generated print data. As amended independent claims 1 and 10 require that the first request means, the structural means, the setting means, the second request means, the means for generating print data, and the printing means be *located on the printer*.

Advantageously, a printer may access a resource from the Internet, for example, without a computer system facilitating the communication of data stored on a server, thereby efficiently using network resources. Additionally, initiating a first request and a second request allows a printer with limited memory to obtain resources without error. Because the present invention provides the first request means, the structural means, the setting means, the second request means, the means for generating print data, and the printing means on the printer, as opposed to the prior art, these advantages are realized.

Dubbels does not teach the present invention as claims 1 and 10. In particular, Dubbels does not teach that the first request means, the structural means, the setting means, the second request means, the means for generating print data, and the printing means are *located on the printer*. In fact, Dubbels teaches the prior art system, *i.e.*, a computer system that facilitates the printing of web pages.

The web page print mechanism as taught by Dubbels resides in the computer system as shown in Figures 3 and 5. The web page print mechanism is *not* a physical printer. In fact, the web page print mechanism is a program or application, which executes on a computer system. The Applicant respectfully notes that the phrase “a web client print mechanism 320 that is used to *print* individual web pages” (col. 5, ll. 26-28), more precisely relates to the act of spooling during a print job, rather than physically printing information on a recordable medium. Further, the Applicant notes that this is the only reasonable interpretation of the use of word “print” as described by Dubbels,

because, otherwise, physically printing would require that a physical printer resides within a web browser application as shown in Figure 3, which is clearly erroneous. As such, Dubbels does not show or suggest a physical printer as recited in claims 1 and 10.

Huttenlocher fails to provide that which Dubbels lacks. Huttenlocher does not disclose or suggest a printer having the first request means, the structural means, the setting means, the second request means, the means for generating print data, and the printing means, which are located on the printer as recited in claims 1 and 10.

In view of the above, Dubbels and Huttenlocher fail to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the claims as amended. Thus, the claims as amended are patentable over Dubbels and Huttenlocher, whether in combination or respectively. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04783.010001).

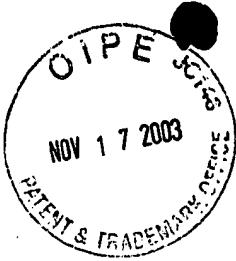
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